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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2003 and 26 November 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 27-33 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-26, 34 and 36-39 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 40-44 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 27 June 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: DETAILED ACTION.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 8-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, independent claim 8 is rendered indefinite (along with claims 9-19 which depend there from) by the use of the phrase "the selected fluid within the region" (Claim 8, Lines 2-3) therein. The aforesaid phrase is indefinite because there is no antecedent basis provided in claim 8 for said "fluid", or said "region". Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Yao (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,125). In regard to independent claim 1, Yao discloses a variable optical delay (VOD) system comprising: a liquid crystal 42 optical switching subsystem for imparting a delay on an optical signal 20 (col. 6, ln. 49-50; FIG. 5B, FIG. 8). Additionally, Yao discloses all of the features/limitations recited in claims 2-7 of the instant application (col. 10, ln. 27-col. 11, ln. 15). Claims 1-7 are therefore clearly anticipated by Yao.

Claims 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yao (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,125). In regard to independent claim 20, Yao discloses a variable optical delay (VOD) system comprising: optical manifolds including polarization optical switches arranged in a folded

path to allow optical signal pass-through or delay, the delay being based on the folded path length (col. 4, ln. 66-col. 5, ln. 64; FIG. 3B). Additionally, Yao discloses all of the features/limitations recited in claims 21-26 of the instant application (col. 10, ln. 27-col. 11, ln. 15; FIG. 8, FIG. 9, FIG. 10A). Claims 21-26 are therefore clearly anticipated by Yao.

Claims 34 and 36-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yao (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,125). In regard to independent claim 34, Yao discloses a variable optical delay (VOD) system comprising: a variable optical delay (VOD) system comprising: an optical switching subsystem 22|40 and an optical manifold subsystem 24 (col. 6, ln. 49-50; FIG. 5B, FIG. 8). Additionally, Yao discloses all of the features/limitations recited in claims 36-39 of the instant application (col. 4, ln. 66-col. 5, ln. 64; col. 10, ln. 27-col. 11, ln. 15; FIG. 3B, FIG. 8). Claims 34 and 36-39 are therefore clearly anticipated by Yao.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27-33 are allowable. The following is a statement of reasons for the is the recitation of indication of allowable subject matter: the index switching systems of independent claim 27 are distinguished by the inclusion of “regions capable of having at least two different fluids exchanged therein” in independent claim 27.

Claims 40-44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the variable fluid refraction altering subsystem of claim 40 is distinguished by the inclusion of at least one micro-fluidic actuator therein.

Claims 8-19 could be made allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action. The following is a statement of reasons for the of indication of allowable subject matter: the aforesaid claims appear to be directed to the particular subject matter disclosed in the instant specification (Page 10, Lines 16-21) wherein a variable optical delay is described that utilizes optical manifolds comprising regions capable of having at least two different fluids exchanged therein. In this case, (at least) claim 8 should be amended to reflect the aforesaid features/limitations.

Other Remarks/Information

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Any other inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David N. Spector whose telephone number is (571) 272-2338. The examiner can normally be reached at this number Monday through Friday between 6:00 AM and 2:30 PM. The fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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